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TAGS: CSCE, SHUM, OEXC, RO

SUBJ: GEORGESCU ARREST

REF: STATE 116891

1. PLEASE PASS URGENTLY FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO ALAN KASSOF FROM AMBASSADOR. THIS IS REPLY REQUESTED BY COB MAY 23:

QUOTE: WE KNOW ONLY SLIGHTLY MORE THAN WE DID EARLIER ABOUT VLAD'S SITUATION. HIS CASE APPEARS TO BE STILL IN THE INVESTIGATORY PHASE WHICH CAN LAST TWO MONTHS--I.E., UNTIL THE END OF MAY. THERE ARE A FEW, ADMITTEDLY INTAGIBLE SIGNS, THAT HE MAY BE RELEASED, IF NOT UNDER THE GENERAL AMNESTY, THEN USING SOME OTHER FORMULA.

I HAVE TALKED OVER THE WEEKEND WITH CONSTANTIN GIURESCU, BARBU NICULESCU AND FRED KELLOG. FRED WILL TRY TO CALL YOU LATE MONDAY AFTERNOON WHEN HE REACHES NEW YORK. NICULESCU IS STILL SCHEDULED TO SEE BURTICA AND CEAUSESCU, BUT NO DATES HAVE BEEN SET, THOUGH DOUBTFUL MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE UNTIL TOWARD LATTER PART OF WEEK IF NOT NEXT WEEK. GIURESCU HAS DEFINITELY TALKED TO BURTICA AND URGED VLAD'S RELEASE BUT HAS HAD NO SIGN FROM BURTICA SINCE. I HAVE ALSO SPOKEN ABOUT VLAD AGAIN TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER FRIDAY.

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WE ALL GREE THAT THE RISKEST ASPECT OF THE WHOLE EQUATION IS HOW TO MAXIMIZE THE CHANCES OF HELPING VLAD THE MOST GIVEN THE SYNDROME HERE OF STRONG REACTION TO WHAT IS PERCEIVED AS INTERNAL INTERFERENCE. THEREFORE WHERE I COME OUT, AND THE OTHERS ALL AGREE, IS THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE FOR A WHILE YET WITH THE APPROACH OF MAKING OUR CONCERNS KNOWN

BUT IN A NON-PROVOCATIVE FASHION.

SPECIFICALLY MY SUGGESTION FOR YOU, AND AGAIN
THE OTHERS ARE OF THE SAME MIND, IS THAT YOU DO
RAISE VLAD'S SITUATION BUT DO SO IN A WAY
WHICH EMPHASIZES THE CONCERN RATHER THAN THE PRESSURE.
YOU MIGHT, FOR EXAMPLE, SAY THAT YOU ARE VERY CON-
CERNED OVER THE NEWS THAT VLAD HAS BEEN ARRESTED
AND IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION BUT THAT YOU VERY
MUCH HOPE IT WILL ALL TURN OUT TO HAVE BEEN SOME
MISUNDERSTANDING AND THAT HE WILL SHORTLY BE FREE
AGAIN.

YOUR TAKING THIS APPROACH WILL REINFORCE THE
SERIOUSNESS OF THE POINT YOU MAKE IN YOUR LETTER, BUT
WILL ALSO GIVE A CHOICE TO NICULESCU TO USE HIS
MEETINGS AND TO ME TO SEE WHAT ELSE I CAN DO BEFORE
THE END OF THE MONTH. UNQUOTE.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT REPORT FROM DEPARTMENT
ON CSCE COMMISSION HEARINGS AFFECTING ROMANIA
AND ESPECIALLY ON KASSOF OR OTHER TESTIMONY
TOUCHING ON GEORGESCU.
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